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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM VELIOTES

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR TS

SUBJECT: MENZEL BOURGUIBA

1. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING VIA SEPTTEL INSTRUCTIONS WHICH
ABORT PLANNING FOR USE OF MENZEL BOURGUIBA BY THE SIXTH
FLEET AND CALL FOR YOU TO MAKE ANOTHER DEMARCHE TO THE
TUNISIANS NOTING OUR CONCERN AT SOVIET USE OF THIS
FACILITY. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, IT APPEARS TUNISIANS MIGHT
HAVE INTERPRETED SIXTH FLEET'S WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER USE
OF THIS FACILITY AS SIGNALING GREATER USG TOLERANCE WITH
SOVIET USE, AND WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WISH TO LEAVE ANY
SUCH IMPRESSION.

2. WE HAVE HAD VERY USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH BARRY KING ON
SUBJECT AND WILL BE MEETING WITH BARRY AND DOD AND USN
OFFICIALS JANUARY 6 TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE FUTURE STEPS
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WHICH WE HOPEFULLY COULD TRANSLATE INTO
HELPFUL GUIDANCE TO YOU. IN MEANTIME WE LOOK FORWARD TO
REPORT OF YOUR DEMARCHE AND ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY WISH
TO OFFER.
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